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My name is Lucky Larson and I am the Sheriff of Lake County, Montana.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support of this bill.

I have been in law enforcement in Lake County for 16 years. I was born and raised in this county, and I have seen this area continuing to grow.

I have been involved in several hit and run cases while working as a law enforcement officer. I have been involved with the Sherman case since the original call was received, as the incident happened only about a half a mile from my home. It was a very difficult scene as I knew the victim personally and her family.

One of the hardest things that we had going against us was the time frame it took us to locate the suspect in this case. It was approximately 30 days until we broke this case. I can only imagine what the Sherman family was going through.

I have continued to stay in touch with the Sherman family throughout this ongoing investigation. I know that this has been extremely hard on all of them. Just today I learned that my neighbor and friend, Russ Sherman, wants to leave Lake County and live elsewhere as things are changing so much.

I support this bill fully.

Lucky Larson

Lake County Sheriff